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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ROBERT S. BROWN

1. THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC) IS INVESTIGATING THE APPLICATION OF ROBERT S. BROWN TO BECOME A COMMODITY BROKER. THE CFTC HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING MR. BROWN'S ACTIVITIES IN COSTA RICA: (A) WHETHER THE NAME OF ROBERT S. BROWN APPEARS IN THE CIVIL REGISTRY AS A PARTNER OR SHARE HOLDER OF SWISS TRUST CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER CORPORATION; (B) WHETHER THERE ARE ANY OUTSTANDING WARRANTS IN COSTA RICA FOR THE ARREST OF ROBERT S. BROWN; (C) WHETHER MR. BROWN OR ANY OF HIS CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN NAMED DEFENDANTS IN A SUIT IN A COSTA RICAN COURT; (D) WHETHER TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY, ROBERT S. BROWN MAY HAVE VIOLATED ANY U.S. LAW; (E) UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID ROBERT S. BROWN LEAVE COSTA RICA IN OCTOBER OF 1976.

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2. CFTC IS AWARE FROM OTHER SOURCES OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST

ROBERT S. BROWN BY TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO MAY NOW BE RESIDING IN COSTA RICA, RICHARD A. YOUNG AND L.M. JOHNSON.

3. IN HIS APPLICATION TO RECEIVE A COMMODITIES BROKER'S
LICENSE, ROBERT S. BROWN LISTED EQUITIES MANAGEMENT
CORPORATION AS THE NAME OF A COMPANY HE OWNED IN SAN JOSE.
SHOULD THE CIVIL REGISTRY SHOW THAT MR. BROWN OWNED
EQUITIES MANAGEMENT AND OTHER COMPANIES SUCH AS SWISS
TRUST CORPORATION, THE CFTC WOULD APPRECIATE A PHOTOCOPY
OF THE PAGE FROM THE CIVIL REGISTRY SHOWING THE NAMES OF
THE COMPANIES OWNED BY BROWN.

4. CFTC WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF ANY
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF MR. BROWN THE
EMBASSY MAY HAVE COLLECTED.
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